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Dear Harold,

I was pleased to receive your letter of December 25. More pleased was I to hear that you have added considerably to your splendid Coup D'Etat. Your pertenacity amazes me. Wherein I have failed to make any efforts at serious work for years, you have never ceased to give all of yourself to the examination of the crucial events of our time in this troubled country.

That you have made significant findings in the Ray case I accept without question. But I fear that I cannot be of help to you in contacting black leaders. Because I have publicly stated that I am of the opinion that black nationalism is to a large extent a governmentally fomented and manipulated effort to excite a repression of insurrection and thereby give the intelligence services and the military a new relevancy in the society, I am not in the good graces of the blacks in this city.

I do not know Reverend Bevel. Opportunities have been provided for him to meet with me. He has not availed himself of them. At this point, considering my status among the blacks, I would only serve as a kiss of death for your work with him.

We hope that the new year will see your important material published and widely distributed to the people. Your energies should benefit our society currently and not be left for the historians in the future to give proper credit to a tireless hunter after truth.

When you are in Philadelphia, we would be pleased to see you, Harold.

Regards,

Vince